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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF GUAM

REF: A. USUN 2211 (NOTAL); B. USUN 2146

1. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 2 THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF SMALL TERRITORIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION (C-24) HEARD STATEMENTS FROM INDIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA AND QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM IRAQ AS WELL AS CLOSING US STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. INDIA (SIKRI) REITERATED HER DELEGATION'S SUPPORT FOR GA RESOLUTION 32/28 ON GUAM, NOTING THAT IT WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND ASKING THAT MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE BEAR THAT IN MIND WHILE CONSIDERING GUAM. NOTING THE IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN GUAM, SHE SAID THAT THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION DOES NOT SPELL OUT THE "DETAILS OF THE POLITICAL UNION" ENVISAGED WITH THE US AND ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. SHE WELCOMED THE US INVITATION TO A VISITING MISSION WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY AND "THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS." SHE ALSO NOTED THE INCREASE IN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE AND CONCENTRATED EFFORTS BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMY WHICH WOULD PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE.

3. CZECH MISOFF PENAZKA SAID THAT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ADMINISTERING POWER CONTINUES TO BE DETERMINED TO DECIDE THE AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY ONLY IN TERMS OF SOME FORM OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSOCIATION WITH THE US. HE REFERRED TO GUAM REPRESENTATIVE WON PAT'S STATEMENT AT A JULY 1977 PRESS CONFERENCE (CONTAINED IN THE SECRETARIAT WORKING PAPER), WARNING THE CONVENTION DELEGATES THAT IF THEY PROPOSED TO REDEFINE GUAM'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US THEY MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, AS EVIDENCE OF THE DEPENDENCE OF THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ON THE US. HE SAID IT IS A "WELL-KNOWN FACT" THAT THE PRESENCE OF US BASES IS THE MAJOR FACTOR DETERMINING US VIEWS ON GUAM'S FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THAT GUAM IS A "CLASSICAL" EXAMPLE OF FOREIGN MILITARY ACTIVITIES CREATING ONE OF THE MAIN OBSTACLES TO THE FREE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. REFERRING TO GA RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY BASES FROM COLONIAL TERRITORIES, HE ELABORATED ON THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE MILITARY BASES ON GUAM'S ECONOMY. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE RECENT CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUAM HAS ONLY ONE AIM -- TO PERPETUATE THE ASSOCIATION OF GUAM WITH THE US AND ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON MILITARY BASES.

4. BULGARIAN MISOFF NEYTCHEV SAID THAT THE US STATEMENT (REF B) GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED AND THAT THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVES. NEYTCHEV ALSO ASKED VARIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT GUAM.

5. IRAQI MISOFF KHALEF MADE A RAMBLING STATEMENT GENERALLY SUPPORTING THE CZECH AND BULGARIAN STATEMENTS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GUAM IS A US TERRITORY AND ABOUT THE MILITARY PRESENCE. HE NOTED THAT THE GUAM BASES HAD BEEN USED IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

6. MISOFF (KRIENDLER) READ A PREPARED STATEMENT RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS SESSION OF THE SUB-UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE (REF A) AND ANTICIPATING SOME OF THE ABOVE

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QUESTIONS. HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THEIR ELECTED LEADERSHIP HAVE GIVEN EVERY INDICATION THAT THEY SUPPORT THE US MILITARY BASES IN THE TERRITORY AND THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATURE HAVE EVER ASKED FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE BASES. HE RECALLED THE GUAM LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 3, 1976 SUPPORTING THE MILITARY BASES AND QUOTED PERTINENT PARTS OF THE RESOLUTION. KRIENDLER ADDED THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT REGARDING SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE FACILITIES AND COMMENTED ON USG SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE AMMUNITION PIER AT APRA HARBOR SO THAT THE PRESENT PIER CAN BE AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIAN USE.

7. KRIENDLER NOTED THE COMMITMENT OF THE USG TO FAIR TREATMENT OF ALIEN LABOR AND EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE US AND STEPS TO ENSURE FAIR WAGES FOR ALIENS COMING TO GUAM TO WORK. HE SAID THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNOR NOR THE ELECTED LEGISLATURE HAVE PROPOSED ANY RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF LAND AND THAT NO SUCH RESTRICTIONS EXIST. HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM, KRIENDLER EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH ELEMENTS OF THE US INVITATION TO THE COMMITTEE TO SEND A VISITING MISSION, OBSERVATION OF THE REFERENDUM AND OF CONDITIONS IN THE TERRITORY, ARE COMPATIBLE. HE ADDED THAT IT IS NOT THE USG'S INTENTION TO RESTRICT THE LENGTH OF STAY OF THE MISSION, WHICH CAN ITSELF DETERMINE HOW MUCH TIME IT NEEDS TO OBSERVE CONDITIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

8. KRIENDLER THEN RESPONDED TO THE INDIAN, CZECH, BULGARIAN AND IRAQI STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS. HE

REITERATED THAT GUAM IS AN UNINCORPORATED US TERRITORY
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AND THAT THE CONSTITUTION ENVISAGES NO REPEAT NO CHANGE
IN THAT RELATIONSHIP. CITING THE RESULTS OF THE 1976
STATUS REFFRENDUM IN DETAIL, KRIENDLER SAID THAT THE
DRAFT CONSTITUTION WAS FULLY IN KEEPING WITH THE VIEWS
OF OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING IN THAT
REFERENDUM. HE REITERATED US VIEWS THAT INDEPENDENCE IS
ONLY ONE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION
AND THAT THE STATUS OF A TERRITORY SHOULD ACCORD WITH THE
FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE POPULATION. THE IMPORTANT
CONSTITUTIONS PROGRESS IN GUAM IS THE MOST DRAMATIC RE-
FUTATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE MILITARY PRESENCE
INHIBITS SELF-DETERMINATION. LEONARD

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